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Talcher STPP II	Orissa	2000 (4x500 MW)	Unit I: Nov., 2003 Unit II: Aug., 2004 Unit III: May, 2005 Unit IV: Feb., 2006 Work is progressing as per schedule.
II. CEA cleared Projects			
Ramagundam STPP-III	Andhra Pradesh	500 (1x500 MW)	CEA conveyed TEC on 1.10.99, Bidding for main plant equipment is under process. Envisaged to yield benefits in 10th Plan Period.

TPP: Thermal Power Project STPP: Super Thermal Power Project CEA: Central Electricity Authority TEC: Tcchno-Economic Clearance CCPP: Combined Cycle Power Project

In addition to the above, NTPC is exploring the possibility of setting up State II Expansion of Kayamkulam CCPP (1950 MW tentative) based on LNG for yielding benefits during the Xlth Plan period.

In view of above, it is clear that the capacity addition by NTPC in the Southern Region is not slow.

Rural Electrification in Orissa

1197. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when all the villages of Orissa would be electrified;

(a) whether any time period and Year-wis« target has been fixed in this regard; and

(a) the amount released by Government for rural electrification of Orissa during the years of 1998-99, 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) provides loan assistance to the schemes including villages electrification schemes sponsored by the State Electricity BoardsStatc Governments. However, the priorities for carrying out villages electrification programme are determined by the State Electricity Boards-State Governments. The Progress of rural electrification would largely depend upon the availability of financial resources required for creating infrastructure systems, availability of power in the States, demands of the consumers etc.

(c) Details of financial assistance provided by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to Orissa for rural electrification during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given below:

Year	Financial assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
1998-1999	8841
1999-2000	8610

Foreign Assistance for Power Generation in Hydro and Thermal Sectors

† 1198. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(d) the target fixed for Generation of hydro electricity and thermal power during the Ninth Five Year Plan Period in the country;

(d) whether sufficient amount has been allocated for achieving the target;

(d) if not, whether Government have asked for foreign help in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether talks have been initiated with foreign agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.